ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a method for performing local due diligence for accepting certificates. The method creates override certificates which add or modify at least one attribute of a certificate issued by a third party for a remote user, based upon due diligence performed locally. In this manner, finer control than accepting or rejecting a certificate is provided to a local user. The local user can also accept certificates absent a trusted third party. The method thus adds flexibility in the acceptance of certificates in a network.